

POLICY AND NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION

The Cottage Grove Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. complies with Federal civil rights laws and is committed to providing its programs and services without discrimination in accordance with:

- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits discrimination based on race, color, or national origin (including language).
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, which prohibits discrimination based on disability.
- Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972, which prohibits discrimination based on sex in education programs or activities.
- Age Discrimination Act of 1975, which prohibits discrimination based on age.
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security regulation 6 C.F.R. Part 19, which prohibits discrimination based on **religion** in social service programs.

It is against the law for the Cottage Grove Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. to retaliate against anyone who takes action to oppose discrimination, files a grievance, or participates in the investigation of a grievance in accordance with the above authorities.

To File a Complaint

If you think that the Cottage Grove Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. has failed to provide these services or discriminated in another way based on race, color, national origin (including language), disability, sex, age, or religion, you can file a complaint in person or by mail or email with the Fire Chief at: 4030 Hwy N, Cottage Grove, 53527 chief@cottagegrovefire.org

You can also file a civil rights complaint with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties (CRCL):

E-mail: <u>CRCLCompliance@hq.dhs.gov</u> (fastest

method to submit your complaint)

Fax: 202-401-4708

U.S. Mail:

U.S. Department of Homeland Security Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Compliance Branch, Mail Stop #0190 2707 Martin Luther King, Jr. Ave., SE Washington, D.C. 20528

For additional information: www.dhs.gov/crcl Phone: 202-401-1474 Toll-Free: 1-866-644-8360

Information and Services for Persons with Disabilities and Persons with Limited English Proficiency

Cottage Grove Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

- Provides free aids and services, such as qualified sign language interpreters and written information in other formats (large print, audio, accessible electronic formats, etc.), to communicate effectively with persons with disabilities.
- Provides free language services, such as qualified foreign language interpreters and information written in other languages, to ensure meaningful access to programs and activities for persons with limited English proficiency.

If you need these services, please contact the:

Fire Chief at 608-839-4343 or chief@cottagegrovefire.org
4030 Hwy. N, Cottage Grove, WI 53527